
Proposal 181

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— North K-Beach Setnetters —

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2017 Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fish-The Road to Proposal 181

- North K-Beach 600ft fishery spans 4 miles, consists of **29 Beach nets** and 9 family commercial fishing businesses.
- 2/28/2017 (Proposal 136) The North K-Beach 600ft fishery was adopted as a tool to be used to keep nets out of the Kasilof Special Harvest Area (Terminal Fishery). **Adopted 7-0.**
- 3/1/2017 (Proposal 101)The Kasilof 600ft fishery was adopted as a tool to be used to keep nets out of the Kasilof Special Harvest Area (Terminal Fishery).
- 3/7/2017 (RC 216) Submitted to exempt Kasilof 600ft hours from the plan. There was board discussion on record for clarification of their intent to exempt hours in the Kasilof 600ft. They agreed that their intent was to exempt the hours.
- The North K-Beach 600ft hours exemption was never revisited by the Board of Fish or the Dept. of Law for the same consideration as RC 216.

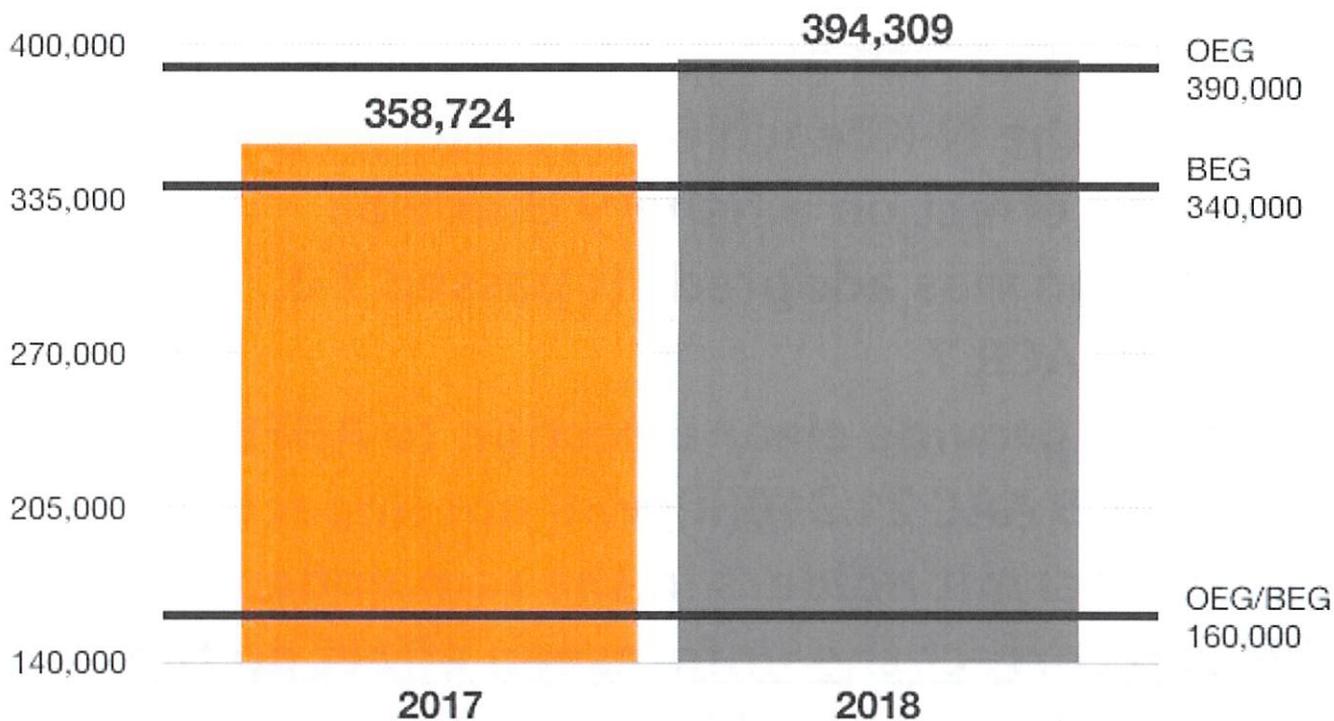
Emergency Petition for clarification

- 3/9/2018 Emergency Petition (PC 20) submitted for clarification on the North K-Beach 600ft Fishery.
- At the March 2018 BOF Statewide Meeting, Board member Robert Ruffner stated on the record, "I think it's important for us to clarify any intent language. I do remember my intent pretty clearly with this proposal. And that was, and I said it several times on the record, that I was looking for an option that would help you stay within the escapement goals and not have to resort to using the terminal fishery."

Historical Use of the North K-Beach 600ft Fishery

- In 2017 the Kasilof River **exceeded** the BEG with a final escapement of 358,724. The North K-Beach 600ft fishery was never used.
- In 2018 the Kasilof River **exceeded** the BEG and OEG with the final escapement of 394,309. The North K-Beach 600ft fishery was used twice.
- In 2018 the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (Terminal Fishery) was used **5 continuous days**.
- In 2018, if the North K-Beach 600ft fishery hours were exempt in the plan, the fishery could have been used more and would have most likely prevented **exceeding** the escapement goals and prevented the use of Kasilof River Special Harvest Area for **5 continuous days**.

Kasilof River Sockeye Escapement



In the 2017 and 2018 fishing seasons, the North K-Beach fishermen lost opportunity to harvest available surplus Kasilof sockeye, which resulted in exceeding escapement goals and a significant economic loss to those fishermen and their local communities.

2017 Data from Fishery Management Report No 18-10 Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fisheries Annual Management Report, 2017

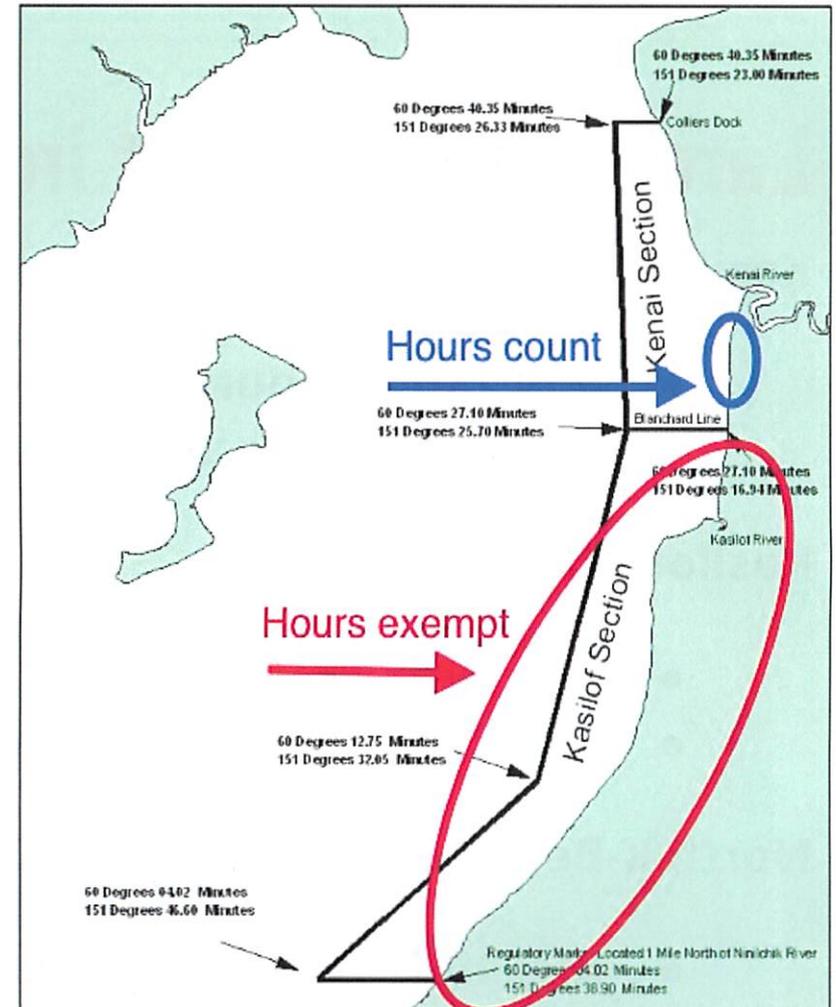
2018 Data from ADF&G Soldotna Correspondence Pat Shields

Need for Hour Exemption Clarification-Proposal 181

- In October 2018 North K-Beach setnetters submitted ACR 7 to clarify the intent of the Board of Fish at the 2017 meeting, regarding the hours used in the N-KBeach 600ft fishery. ACR 7 was submitted to correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted. It passed 7-0. Proposal 181 was a result of ACR 7.
- If adopted, Proposal 181 will provide clear direction to ADF&G that the hours fished under 5 AAC 21.310(ii), will not impact hours fished by 91% of the permit holders in the remainder of the Kenai Section. This will correct the unforeseen effect on the fishery when the regulation was adopted back in 2017.

Eastside Setnet Map

- North K-Beach 600ft fishery spans 4 miles and consists of 29 Beach Nets- **HOURS COUNT**
- Kasilof Section 600ft fishery spans 37 miles and consists of approximately 250 Beach Nets- **HOURS EXEMPT**



Latitude and Longitude are based on the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which is equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84).

Large King Harvest in 2018

Kasilof 600 ft Fishery (Approximately 250 Beach nets)

- July 18th-7 Hour opener- 12,428 Sockeye 11 Large Kings
- July 22nd-12 Hour opener- 7,714 Sockeye 8 Large Kings

Kasilof ½ Mile Fishery

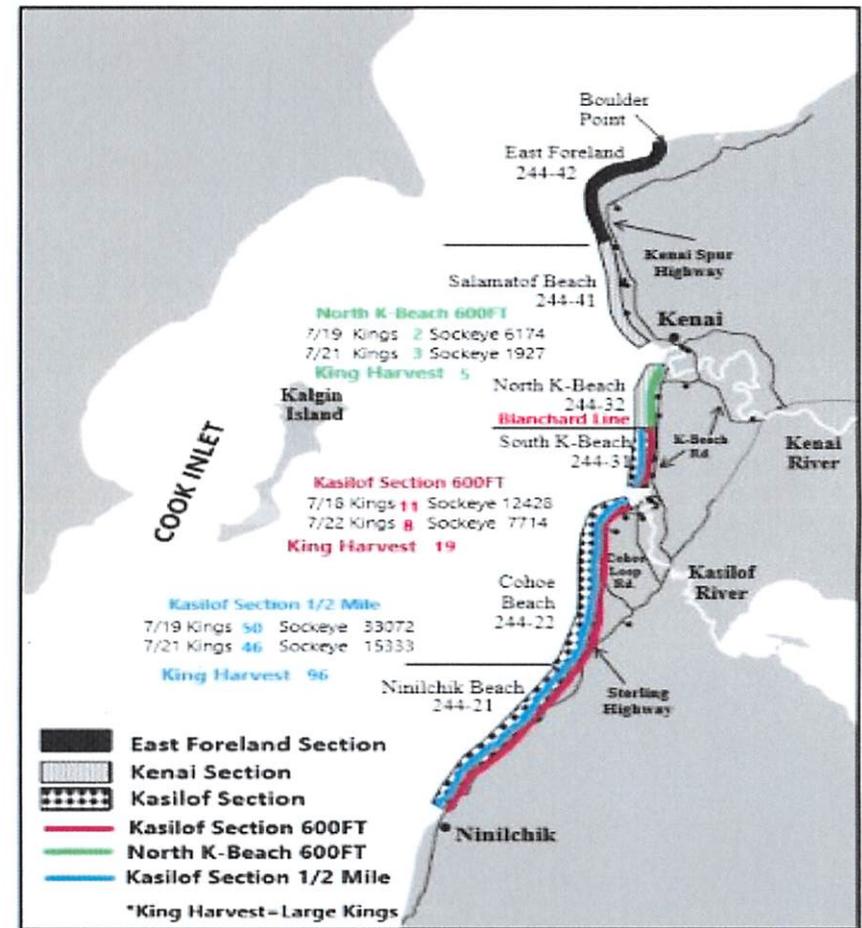
- July 19th-12 Hour opener- 33,072 Sockeye 50 Large Kings
- July 21st-12 Hour opener- 15,333 Sockeye 46 Large Kings

North K-Beach 600ft Fishery (29 Beach nets)

- July 19th-12 Hour opener- 6,885 Sockeye 2 Large Kings
- July 21st-12 Hour opener- 2,172 Sockeye 3 Large Kings

2018 Map of Harvest Data

In 2018, from **7/18-7/22** catch data was collected in the Kasilof Section 600ft, Kasilof Section 1/2 Mile and the North K-Beach 600ft setnet openings. The adjacent map shows the harvest data for Sockeye and Large Kings per section by date.



Map of Upper Cook Inlet Statistical Areas with Harvest Data from the North K-Beach 600FT, Kasilof Section 600FT and Kasilof Section 1/2 Mile setnet openings in the 2018 season by date.